In the dim corners of Lady Arlington's big drawing-room in Grosvenor place rose-shaded lamps were casting a tender glow, but near the three tall windows and in the center of the room there was still sufficient daylight to illuminate the faces and frocks of the guests who were assembled for

Lady Arlington, clad in shimmering white satin and wonderful pink pearls, flitted like a spirit from group to group; now greeting a fresh arrival,

now pairing off her friends.
"Lady Susan, Lord Marrable will lake you down. He's awfully dull, I know, but Bertie Fancourt is your other side. Sir Charles, you're desfined to the tender mercies of Dolly Lansdown. Take care of yourself; she's a dreadful little flirt, and boasts of her victims. Ah! Olivia, I'm delighted to see you. Col. Egerton, take tare of my friend, Mrs. Abinger, for a lew moments till her cavalier turns What a nuisance your sex is, tolonel. Here we are, twenty-three nungry souls, all waiting for one tiresome man. Olivia, my dear, if in ive minutes he does not turn up I'm afraid you'll have to go downstairs

And with a gay little laugh Lady Arlington turned away.

Mrs. Abinger smiled after her retreating figure, and Col. Egerton, ratching sight of her slightly-curied nouth, thought she had the sweetest ips he had ever seen, and so thinking, be looked the closer.

He saw a slender woman, with a thapely head set upon a round, white shroat. The low-cut bodice of her plain black gown clasped a slight walst and made a fitting framework for her dimpled shoulders. Her big black fan seemed all too heavy for her tiny wrists and small pink-tipped finrers. In the fast-fading light he could scarcely distinguish her features, but se noticed that her hair was soft and lair, and that her eyes were large and just a little sad.

The gallant colonel was still wonlering what kind of a voice so charming a woman could have, when the loor was flung wide and a tall man itrode into the room. Lady Arlington heaved an audible sigh of relief, waved rather than spoke an introduction between Mrs. Abinger and the newcomer, and then, like a multitolored snake, her guests rustled down he wide white staircase to dinner.

There was a momentary dragging of dlken trains under chairs and a gentral settling down before the last argival turned to scan the woman at his tide, whom in the swift transit from the drawing-room to the dining-room te had only vaguely concluded was slight, and pretty, and fair-haired.

"Olivia! You?" His tone of astonshment was too loud for good breedng, but the chat about the table was ively, and no one heard his voice save, ndeed, Mrs. Abinger.

"Yes, it is I. I knew you the monent you entered, though the room was almost dark."

"And yet we've not met for so many rears," he said; then, with the gal-lant after-thought of a man of the world, he added: "Not that you look one day older than when-"

There was a sigh in her voice and a touch of pure sentiment in her sad eyes as she spoke, and recalled, as him if it can," she murmured, leaning women love to do, the agony of that bour, fifteen years ago, which had lorn her from Angus Ferrers' arms.

She had been so young then-little regret from him." more than a child-but her whole soul

pelled by him who had recalled it. "And you married?" he said.

"In those days! Is he not so now?" "He died two years ago, a pauper." ad lived so long with the tragedy of existence that it had lost its most poignant thrills, and had degenerated nto a gray monotony of misery.

No so Sir Angus Ferrers. A look of anutterable pity crept into his eyes, a sote of intense sympathy into his

"And you are-"

"A widow, and a pauper, too." She made a little gesture with her small, white hands; a gesture that inrited inspection of her poor gown, of her lack of jewels-and that told more plainly than could a thousand words of genteel poverty and want.
"My poor Olivia," he said, and as
she glanced at him she saw tears on

his eve-lashes.

Lady Arlington grumbled next day to her husband of Mrs. Abinger's dullness and Sir Angus Ferrers' silence. But that long dinner was, in truth, pothing but a dream to the man and woman who had parted with such passionate tears fifteen years ago, and

had met once again so unexpectedly. Yet, though both dreamed, their cisions were so different. He, rich, titled, still in the prime of manhood, was absorbed in the dead past. If he had been firm, if he had married Olivia, how much unhappiness he might have saved her, how much peace it would have brought to him-

And Olivia dreamed only of a future with the man whose image had been ever in her heart, of a time of love and joy, and freedom from sordid money troubles, and shabby frocks and semigenteel lodgings. And so, except when now and then they exchanged some conventional phrase, there was silence between the two who had so

much to say. After dinner it seemed perfectly natural to Olivia Abinger that Sir Angus Ferrers should seek her, and, indeed, she had chosen a quiet corner behind one of the tall, rose-shaded

lamps for their conversation. It was she who talked the most; telling him of her great trials and disappointments, dwelling on them with the insistence of one who is drifting towards happier things. He sat and listened, and as he listened looked; and as he looked was conscious of a vague thankfulness that he, still a young man, was bound by no chain to the woman who sat before him. He tried not to see the lines about her large, dark eyes, the dragged hardness core tart apples, season with sugar, a that marred the sweetness of her little water and a few bits of butter

DASHED HER HOPES mouth. He knew instinctively that her heart and her love were as fresh as the first day they were given to him, but for the life of him he could not repress a guilty thankfulness that she was-only an old friend.

By and by he rose to go, but held her hand long in taking leave. "Now that we have met again, Olivia, we must not lose sight of one another. When may I come and see

She looked into his eyes and a happy smile curved the corners of her lips.
"Whenever you please, Angus. Will And he bowed low and left her be-

hind the glowing lamp, her heart beating high in her bosom with the surety that to-morrow he would speak and ask her to be his wife. Lady Arlington's voice roused her. "Olivia, come out of your hiding-

place at once. I want you to come to Hurlingham next Saturday. Will you?" Olivia smiled a "yes," thinking what would any plans matter now. After to-morrow her life would be Angus' to do with as he would. Most likely he would want her to go to some quiet river place, where they could be alone. In happy, dreamful silence she drifted across the great drawing-room toward the group gathered about Lady

Arlington, who was chatting volubly

to haif a dozen women at once. "What did you think of Mira Bertram's hair? She changes the color every month, I declare. Lady Susan was quite angry about it; but then, you know, she thinks it quite indecent to touch up at all. I was so awfully vexed, by the way, that Lady Ferrers couldn't come. She's quite pretty, and her gowns-all fresh, of course, for she's only a bride-see so very smart." "Lady Ferreral Is Sir Angus mar-

Olivia Abinger did not know whether she or another asked the question. She only waited for the answer.

"Oh, yes; six weeks ago. She's such dear little thing, and so nice. Her father's place matches with his own in Scotland.

Olivia Abinger did not cry out or faint, though the shattering of her dream and the breaking of her heart were beyond all mortal agony. She said: "Good night," and drove in a frowsy four-wheeler to her shabby lodgings. Still silent, still enduring, she went upstairs to her little sitting-room; but when she had lit the gas it flared upon a face marked by the anguish of a life

She stood by the table, her hands hanging at her sides, her eyes, which could not weep, staring before her.
"Married! rich! happy! While I. who have hoped and longed and loved,

She flung her white arms above her head, and a great cry rent her throata cry of all a woman's pent-up passion, of all a heart's bitter disappointment.

"It is too much," she cried aloud to the shabby walls and cheap furniture; "I cannot bear it. To-night I have dreamed of other things, I cannot go back to the old ways. My heart is dead within me-dead."

She paused; a gray shadow stole over her drawn face, a somber fire burned in her eyes. For a moment she disap peared into her bedroom, then returned to where the gas flared. She looked about her and, with the careful method ne day older than when—"

She finished the sentence for hims from the floor and folded it away on a chair. Then she lowered the gas to the blue and flung open the window.

"I want my soul to be free to go to out over the street. "This will unloose my bonds-and bring me peace and rest, and, perhaps, a little sigh of

With cold white fingers, that yet did had been given to her boyish lover, not tremble at their task, she drew the and the parental edict which had sent stopper from a tiny phial she held in Angus to India and herself to a her hand. A thick, sweet odor as of wretched marriage had nearly broken almond flowers floated through the ber heart. But the dream of the past was dis- fume that breathed from Olivia's gown and fair hair, and even tainted with its insidious savor the outer air. With "Yes; I was obliged. Mr. Abinger dilated nostrils she caught the subtle was rich in those days, and he bought scent and smiled a little. "Peace-and regret-and remembrance," she sighed, then raising her hand to her lips, with one movement of her slender throat Mrs. Abinger spoke quietly. She she swallowed the few drops of liquid contained in the small blue bottle. Her hand dropped heavily on the windowsill and her fingers relaxed.

The tinkle of fallen glass rose from the pavement below. She fell upon her knees before the open window and raised her ashen face to the star-lit heavens.

Her fingers twitched in agony above her bursting heart; her pale lips struggled to cry but once to the man who for the second time, had plunged her into the darkness of despair.

But only a whisper came from her burning throat and poor, twisted mouth.

"Angus-my love-pray for me-remember me sometime." Her head fell forward on the win-

dowsill. They found her dead at dawn. Most people said she couldn't bear poverty. But one man sometimes wonders if there was not another reason for her

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-Grape Marmalade. - This is made of ripe or green grapes. Pick from the stems, rinse well, cook gently in a porcelain kettle for ten minutes in just enough water to keep from sticking. Run through a seive. To plut of sifted pulp and juice, add three-fourths of a pint of sugar, and boil till of the consistency desired. A large quantity will

need to cook two hours. - Housekeeper. -Apple Custard - Pare, quarter and and bake tender, but do not break. Make a boiled custard of three teacupfuls of milk, three teaspoonfuls of sugar, the yolks of four eggs, and whatever flavoring is preferred. When cold, turn it over the prepared apples and serve.-Ohio Farmer.

-Cauliflower Salad .- Boil one large cauliflower with two quarts of water and one tablespoonful of salt for half an hour. Take up and drain. When cold divide into small tufts. Arrange on the center of a dish and garnish with a border of strips of pickled beet. Pour cream dressing or a cupful of mayonnaise dressing over the cauliflower. Arrange a star of the pickled beet in the center. Serve immediately.- N. Y.

-Fruit Macedoine. - Peel half a dozen oranges and cut them in lengthwise slices. Peel two bananas and cut them in thin round slices. Put a layer of oranges in a glass dessert dish, then a layer of bananas and sprinkle them with sugar and maraschino. Continue until all the fruit has been used, then as a finish sprinkle a cupfut of grated cocoanut over the top. You will need about half a cupful of sugar and four tablespoonfuls of maraschino for the flavoring.-Boston Budget.

-Dried Peaches. - Prepare yellow peaches by peeling and cutting from the stone in one piece. For each six pounds of the fruit allow two pounds of sugar, and make a sirup by adding a little water. Allow it to boil, then put in the peaches and let them cook till quite clear, take them up carefully on a dish and set them in the sun to dry. Strew powdered sugar over them on all sides, a little at a time, and if any sirup is left remove them to fresh dishes. When they are quite dry lay them lightly in a jar with a little sugar between each layer.-Good House-

-Stuffed onious are delicious. They should be gently boiled for an hour in plenty of clear water and then the center should be removed from each with a sharp knife. Two tablespoonfuls of mineed ham, three of bread crumbs, one of butter, three of milk and egg, half a teaspoonful of salt and a grain of cayenne should be mixed and the hollows in the onions filled with the composition. Then they should be sprinkled with dry bread crumbs, and a teaspoonful of butter should be put on each onion. They should be baked slowly for an hour and served with cream sauce.

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